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SPIDER-MAN DECLARES GOBLIN SEASON
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In an unprecedented coup against super villainy, The Superior Spider-Man took control of every screen in the city to announce the true identity of the Hobgoblin: Phil Urich of the Daily Bugle. Spider-Man has requested that the citizens of New York assist in bringing Urich into custody.
More inside.

INSIDE: AN ORAL HISTORY OF THE ORIGINAL HOBGOBLIN, RODERICK KINGSLEY

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EVERYONE, LISTEN UP! HANDS OFF YOUR KEYBOARDS. PHONES AND TABLETS DOWN.

FIRST PERSON TO POST, TWEET, OR MAKE A STATUS UPDATE ABOUT THIS IS *FIRED.*

MR. ROBERTSON--

I REPEAT-- *FIRED.* IS THAT UNDERSTOOD?

The Daily Bugle.
MIDTOWN MANHATTAN.

PLEASE, IF YOU SEE THIS MAN, THE HOBGOBLIN...

...ALSO KNOWN AS PHIL URICH...

... DO YOUR CIVIC DUTY AND CALL IT IN TO ME, SPIDER-MAN, AT 1-800-555-1SPY.

WORK WITH ME, NEW YORK, AND TOGETHER WE CAN BRING THIS VILLAIN TO JUSTICE!

PHIL?

URICH?

ROBBIE, PLEASE. THERE'S NO WAY THIS IS TRUE.

THE BOY'S MY NEPHEW...

ALL RIGHT, BEN. FOR YOU.

I'LL GET OUR LAWYERS ON THIS. SEE WHAT THEY CAN DO.

WAIT. I WANT TO HEAR *HIM* SAY IT.

NORAH? WHAT? YOU'RE MY GIRL. YOU CAN'T BELIEVE--

C'MON, PHIL. FIVE WORDS.

I. AM. **NOT.** THE. HOBGOBLIN.

I'M...

SALLY? THIS'S CRAZY! WE'RE THE BUGLE! AND WE'RE *SITTING* ON THIS?

IT'S THE STORY OF THE--

SHH!

IN MY FIRST DAYS AS SPIDER-MAN...

...SOMEONE YELLED AT ME TO STOP A THIEF AS HE RAN PAST. AND I DID **NOTHING.**

AND THAT MAN WENT ON TO TAKE A LIFE. TO THIS DAY, THAT **HAUNTS** ME. IT'S WHY I DO WHAT I DO.

SO I BEG OF YOU, **DO SOMETHING.** EXERCISE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY. HELP ME STOP THIS THIEF.

HE'S RIGHT, WE SHOULD--

SHUT UP! IF I *WERE* THE HOBGOBLIN, YOU'D ALL BE...

WHAT, PHIL?! WE'D ALL BE *WHAT?!*

THIS IS GETTING UGLY. GET HIM INTO AN OFFICE.

AWAY FROM EVERYONE. AND AWAY FROM THE WINDOWS.

ROBBIE, *WE* NEED TO CONTROL THIS. CALL IT IN. WE HAVE *NOTHING* TO HIDE.

NOT *NOW* WE DON'T. LOOK OUTSIDE.

WHAT? ALL RIGHT. WHO DID IT?! WHICH ONE OF YOU--

THAT'S NOT IMPORTANT NOW. WE HAVE TO--

STOP.

BIG PICTURE.

PHIL, YOU'RE THE ONE WHO KEPT GETTING HOBGOBLIN *EXCLUSIVES.* HOW?

I--I'VE KNOWN THERE WAS A CONNECTION. I JUST CHOSE NOT TO SEE IT. BUT NOW...

...THIS IS YOUR *ONE* CHANCE TO COME CLEAN TO ME...

LOOK, IT'S HIM!

"...HOW DID YOU DO IT, PHIL? *TELL ME.*"

WEEOOOWEEOOOWEEOOO

POLICE

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POLICE

HOW? HEH HEH HEH.

YOU *REEEALLY* WANNA KNOW, HUH? HUH HUH HUH.

HE'S AT THE BUGLE.

IT'S ON THE POLICE SCANNERS.

AND THE FAINT SIGNALS FROM MY NANO-TRACERS CONFIRM IT.

SPIDER-PATROL UNITS, SOUND OFF! WHO'S CLOSEST?

THIS IS SPIDER-PATROL 3, AT THE CORNER OF 23RD AND BROADWAY.

WE'RE SPREAD OUT, BUT WE CAN BE THERE IN--

"NO. GO NOW. I WANT THE HEAVY MACHINERY ON THE GROUND...

"...I DON'T CARE IF WE'RE SHORT A FEW MEN."

HEY! WAIT FOR--

MMPPH--

"ONLY ONE THING MATTERS. GETTING URICH...

"...WHILE HE'S BOXED IN."

PHIL, CALM DOWN. EVERYTHING'S GOING TO BE OKAY...

SUUURE IT IS.

HA HA HA-- HOW COULDN'T IT BE?

JUST LOOK AT ME. GREAT JOB. HA HA-- HOT GIRL.

I GOT IT ALL, UNCLE BEN! LIVIN' THE DREAM!

HA HA HA!

EASY!

GREAT.

WE'RE ALL GONNA DIE NOW, AREN'T WE?

NOT TODAY, MS. WINTERS.

NOT IF I HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH IT!

SPIDER-MAN!

OH, I THINK YOU'VE DONE QUITE ENOUGH HERE TODAY, WEB-SLINGER!

WHAT?! HOW DARE YOU. I'M THE GOOD GUY HERE. THE HERO!

NO. YOU'RE THE LUNATIC WHO CREATED THIS SITUATION--

--WHO TURNED IT INTO A PRESSURE COOKER AND SHOOK IT UP!

AND FOR ALL WE KNOW, THIS BOY STILL MIGHT BE INNOCENT. WHERE'S YOUR PROOF?

UNBELIEVABLE. THE DAILY BUGLE IS ASKING ME TO PROVE SOMEONE'S A MENACE.

YOU DO SEE THE IRONY HERE, DON'T YOU?

FINE. TWENTY MINUTES AGO, I USED...

...THESE TO INJECT MY NANO-SPIDER TRACERS INTO HOBGOBLIN.

GUESS WHERE THE SIGNAL'S COMING FROM NOW?

HA HA! HERE, SPIDEY...

...LET ME HEH HEH HELP YOU!

VISUAL AID!

FWASH

AND WHAT BETTER WAY TO SHOW YOU, THAN WITH A DEMONSTRATION?

LET'S SEE...NOTHING SAYS "GOBLIN" LIKE A DEAD BLONDE!

...OUTSIDE THE DAILY BUGLE WHERE SUSPECTED SUPER VILLAIN PHIL URICH...

...HAS TAKEN A HOSTAGE AT KNIFEPOINT.

LIVE

IDENTITY REVEALE

THAT'S IT. YOU'RE *DONE*, GOBBY!

AND TO THINK, WITH THE PUSH OF A BUTTON I COULD LEAVE YOU DEFENSELESS. AGAIN!

BUT NO. YOU KEEP YOUR TOYS. 'CAUSE THERE'S NO WAY THIS DOESN'T END IN A BLOODY SHOOTOUT.

The secret lab of Tiberius Stone.

GET RID OF THE HOBGOBLIN: CHECK.

NOW WHO'S NEXT ON MY LIST...?

TO DO LIST:

- GET RID OF THE HOBGOBLIN
- RUIN HORIZON
- END EMPIRE

LIVE

--NEWS 4 IS READY TO GO ON RECORD AND CONFIRM THAT PHIL URICH IS THE HOBGOBLIN.

URICH WAS "OUTTED" EARLIER BY SPIDER-MAN WHEN--

BREAKING NEWS

HOBGOBLIN UNMASKED

NEWS 4

THIS SAME PRACTICE WAS USED NOT LONG AGO BY THEN-BUGLE PHOTOGRAPHER PETER PARKER...

...TO EXPOSE THE CRIMINAL ACTIONS OF NORMAN OSBORN...

...STILL A SUBJECT OF MUCH DEBATE, DESPITE THE RESOLUTION OF THE SUPERHUMAN CIVIL WAR.

ARE COSTUMED INDIVIDUALS ENTITLED TO "SECRET IDENTITIES"?

UNION

PHIL URICH POINTED AS

AND RECENTLY, THE VIGILANTE KNOWN AS THE WRAITH USED A SIMILAR TECHNIQUE...

...TO PUBLICLY OUT PHILANTHROPIST MARTIN LI AS MR. NEGATIVE.

AND TO THAT I SAY, WHY DOES SHE WEAR A MASK THEN?! WHAT IS SHE HIDING?

LIVE

ZNN

A side street in Midtown.

AWAY FROM PRYING EYES.

YOU WORK FOR THE SPIDER. YOU'RE ONE OF HIS SOLDIERS!

HOW CAN HE AFFORD AN *ARMY?!*

WHAT BLOOD MONEY IS HE PAYING YOU WITH?! *TALK!*

"BLOOD MONEY?" WHAT'RE YOU TALKIN' ABOUT?

I'M JUST A HIRED GUN. IT'S ALL LEGIT. EVERYTHING'S ABOVEBOARD. *HONEST! I SWEAR!*

IS HE TELLING THE TRUTH?

ACCORDING TO THE POLYGRAPH SENSORS IN MY TENDRILS? YES.

AND MY FACE RECOGNITION LENSES AREN'T GETTING A HIT.

THIS MAN HAS *NO* CRIMINAL RECORD. AT LEAST ON FILE.

MAYBE YOU COULD UP THE FEAR GAS?

WHAT GOOD WOULD THAT DO? OTHER THAN MAKING ME FEEL MORE LIKE A CREEP?

ALL RIGHT. NEW IDEA.

CAN YOU GET ME THIS GUY'S BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER?

WHOA. THAT WAS FAST. OKAY...

...LET'S SEE WHERE THIS TAKES US.

Prospect Heights, Brooklyn. THE APARTMENT OF OFFICER CARLIE COOPER.

HEY...WHAT DOES A GHOST NEED WITH MY CHECKING ACCOUNT?

QUIET, YOU!

WELL? DID THAT DO IT? DO WE HAVE OUR SMOKING GUN?

ALMOST. LOTTA SMOKE. NO GUN.

YET.

WHAT WE DO HAVE IS A LEAD ON A *VERY* LARGE OFFSHORE ACCOUNT.

THAT DOESN'T PROVE ANYTHING.

YES, IT DOES. I KNOW THE REAL SPIDEY.

HE CAN BARELY BALANCE A CHECKBOOK, LET ALONE A SECRET TRUST.

HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT A TRIP TO THE CAYMANS?

WE STICK TO THE PLAN. FOLLOW THE MONEY.

AND THEN WE CAN UNMASK THIS "*SUPERIOR*" SPIDER-MAN AND LET PEOPLE SEE...

"...WHO THEY'RE *REALLY* DEALING WITH!"

UNH--

URICH, YOU TOTAL *@%ǂ!

YOU DRINK MY LAST BEER, MAKE ME WATCH EXPENDABLES 2, AND NOW *THIS?*

WE ARE *SO* DONE!

WHAK

EXCELLENT WORK, MS. WINTERS!

THINK I CAN TAKE IT FROM--

UH! OUT OF MY WAY, YOU SENSELESS CATTLE!

I'M TRYING TO SAVE YOU!

REALLY?

HA HA HA!

THEN *THAT'S* HOW I WIN!

HAHAHAH

ARRGH!

UNCLE BEN...

SHOW'S OVER, URICH.

IN FACT, I'D SAY YOU "BOMBED."

DEET

SUBDERMAL NANO-TRACERS...

...DETONATE!

GYAHH!

POK

POK

PAK

POK

PAK

SPARE ME, CHILD.

THOSE MICRO-EXPLOSIVES SERVE MORE TO SHOCK THAN HARM.

NO, THE *REAL* PAIN THAT AWAITS YOU...

...LIES OUTSIDE!

IT'S *URICH!*

WE HAVE VISUAL!

KRAK

MY GOD. IT'S HIM.

URICH!

THAT'S YOUR REWARD, HOBGOBLIN. FAME. OR INFAMY. TAKE YOUR PICK.

BUT FROM NOW ON, *EVERYONE* KNOWS YOU FOR WHO AND WHAT YOU ARE.

NO!

IT--IT REALLY IS...

...EVERYWHERE.

LIVE

SPECIAL REPORT | HOBGOBLIN

WHO IS PHIL URICH?

...WE USED TO BE IN A SUPPORT GROUP FOR FORMER TEEN HEROES.

AND, SURE, PHIL WAS PRETTY MESSED UP.

ENOUGH TO GO FULL ON SUPER VILLAIN? YEAH. WE ALL SAW IT COMING...

...FOR A TIME URICH TRIED HIS HAND AT BEING A HEROIC VERSION OF THE GREEN GOBLIN...

...WHICH MAKES THIS VERY PUBLIC FALL FROM GRACE ALL THE MORE TRAGIC...

LIVE

MARLA RODRIGUEZ

NEW Details

HOBGOBLIN REVEALED

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The Goblin Underground.

SILLY WALL-CRAWLER. YOU HAD HIS SECRET ALL TO YOURSELF...

...AND YOU TURNED THAT CARD OVER. PATHETIC.

IT'S ALMOST LIKE YOU DON'T KNOW HOW THIS GAME IS PLAYED ANYMORE.

STILL...THAT BOY GETS UNDER YOUR SKIN, DOESN'T HE? I CAN *USE* THAT.

MENACE?

BE A DEAR, AND BRING MR. URICH TO ME.

WHY ME, MY LORD?

WITH THE DAY HE'S BEEN HAVING...

...HOW COULD HE SAY "NO" TO SUCH A PRETTY FACE? *HA HA!*

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YOUR MOVE, URICH.

YOU'RE SURROUNDED. WITH MORE POLICE ON THE WAY.

ARMORED MECH UNITS AT EACH INTERSECTION.

LOCAL AND NATIONAL NEWS RECORDING YOUR EVERY MOVE.

AND WITH MY MEN IN THE CROWD...

...THERE WILL BE NO MORE HOSTAGE ATTEMPTS.

SO, WHAT WILL YOU DO NOW?

SMART MOVE.

OF COURSE, THERE'S THE MATTER...

...OF YOUR SONIC SCREAM.

WHAT IF YOU TRIED THAT AGAIN?

PEOPLE COULD GET HURT.

IF ONLY THERE WAS A WAY OF STOPPING IT...

...FROM EVER LEAVING YOUR *THROAT.*

ZEE ZEE ZEE

PRIORITY AVENGERS CALL FROM CAPTAIN AMERICA.

WHAT IS IT?! I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF SOMETHING HERE.

SAME WITH US, SPIDER-MAN. FIGHTING LAVA MEN IN BORNEO.

YES? WELL I HAVE THE HOBGOBLIN IN MANHATTAN--

WE HEARD. AND YOU'RE USING AN ARMY. AND GIANT ROBOTS. *AGAIN?*

NEED I REMIND YOU, AVENGER, YOU ARE CURRENTLY ON PROBATION?

EVERYTHING YOU'VE BEEN DOING LATELY? WE NEED TO TALK.

YES. WE DO.

SHHH

GENTLEMEN, I THINK WE'RE DONE HERE.

SPIDER-MAN! OVER HERE! NEWS 9.

YOU CUT INTO ALL THE AIRWAVES--?

ANY COMMENT, SPIDEY?

--CONFIRM THAT *IS* THE HOBGOBLIN?

--HAVE A SPIDER-ARMY NOW?

PEOPLE OF NEW YORK, I ONLY HAVE THIS TO SAY...

...THANK YOU!

THANKS TO *YOUR* VIGILANCE, WE WERE ABLE TO CAPTURE THIS KNOWN FELON.

TODAY, *YOU* WERE MY SPIDER-ARMY.

COURTESY PROFESSIONAL RESPECT

"*YOU* HELPED ME BRING THIS TO A CLOSE...

"...QUICKLY, EFFICIENTLY, AND WITH NO LOSS OF LIFE.

"BY WORKING *TOGETHER*, WE CAN DO *GREAT* THINGS.

"THANKS TO *ALL* OF US...

"...THIS MAN'S CRIMINAL LIFE IS *OVER*."

...AND PHIL URICH, NEPHEW TO STAR REPORTER BEN URICH. TURNS OUT TO BE ANOTHER...

...IN A LONG LINE OF DAILY BUGLE EMPLOYEES...

...LEADING A SECRET LIFE AS A COSTUMED CRIMINAL.

THE BIG MAN, THE ROSE, AND NOW A POSSIBLE SECOND HOBGOBLIN?

WHAT KIND OF SUPER VILLAIN FACTORY IS JOE ROBERTSON RUNNING OVER THERE?

SECOND HOBGOBLIN? WHO WAS THE FIRST?

THEY'RE COUNTING NED LEEDS.

BUT NED WASN'T...

DOES IT MATTER?

I GUESS NOT.

ROBBIE, YOU OKAY?

EVERYONE, TAKE A LONG LUNCH. BUT WHEN YOU GET BACK, WE GOT A PAPER TO PUT OUT.

NOTHING CHANGES THAT. EVER.

BEN. NORAH. STAY HERE. WE HAVE TO TALK.

BEN, YOU'RE TOO *VISIBLE* ON THIS ONE. I'M SURE THIS IS THE LAST THING ON YOUR MIND, BUT--

YOU HAVE TO SIDELINE ME FOR A WHILE. I UNDERSTAND.

NOTHING PERMANENT. I PROMISE.

NORAH...

WHAT? BACK TO COMMUNITY EVENTS?

NO. I HAVE TO LET YOU GO. YOU AND PHIL, YOU WEREN'T JUST A COUPLE...

...YOU WERE A *TEAM*. YOU WERE FEEDING ME *FRONT PAGE* HOBGOBLIN STORIES. ONE AFTER THE OTHER.

BUT MY *OTHER* WORK-- DAMN IT, ROBBIE. I'M *GOOD!*

YOU WERE, KID. SORRY, BUT IT'S OVER NOW.

En route to New Jersey.

...JUST SAYING IT WAS EASIER WHEN WE JUST DROPPED 'EM OFF AT THE RAFT.

POLICE

HOLLAND TUNNEL

THAT'S THE POINT. WAS ALSO EASIER FOR ALL THE SUPER-FREAKS WHO'D BREAK OUT.

ONE QUICK SWIM. BAM. THEY'D BE BACK IN THE CITY.

YEAH? WELL NOW WE'RE ON THE ROAD LONGER WITH THAT LUNATIC IN THE BACK.

HE'S IN ADAMANTIUM SHACKLES, ROY. HE AIN'T BUSTIN' OU--

CRASH

HUH? GUYS? WHAT'S GOIN'--

RRRUNCH

AHH! WHAT'RE YOU DOING?!

INSTALLING A SUNROOF. WHAT DO YOU THINK I'M DOING?

I'M HERE FOR YOU, PHIL URICH.

OH GOD... YOU'RE FROM KINGSLEY?! TELL 'IM I'LL GET 'IM HIS MONEY! SOMEHOW! I'LL--

KINGSLEY?! *HA!* KID, THIS'S YOUR LUCKY DAY. YOU'RE MOVING UP TO THE *BIG LEAGUES.*

YOU'RE TAKING ME TO SEE THE GOBLIN?

THE *REAL* GREEN GOBLIN?

NORMAN OSBORN HIMSELF?

WAIT HERE.

UM. WAS THAT A YES OR A NO?

I'LL SEEK AN AUDIENCE. TOUCH NOTHING.

MAYOR JAMESON!

IS IT TRUE BEN URICH IS A CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND OF YOURS?

I--I HAVE NO COMMENT AT THIS TIME.

WHAT ABOUT THE EASE OF PHIL URICH'S ESCAPE?

BREAKING NEWS

NO COMMENT.

DO YOU THINK THIS WOULD HAVE HAPPENED IF YOU LEFT THE RAFT OPEN?

I SAID "NO COMMENT," YOU VENOMOUS VULTURES!

SPIDER-MAN HAD THIS TO ADD.

LIVE

NEWS

HOW PATHETIC! I PRACTICALLY *GIFT WRAPPED* THE HOBGOBLIN FOR THE POLICE!

WHAT *MORE* COULD I HAVE DONE?! STILL, HAVE NO FEAR. URICH IS A *MINOR* THREAT AT BEST.

IT WON'T TAKE ME LONG TO FIND HIM AND PUT HIM IN HIS PLACE.

THE GOBLIN KING WILL SEE YOU NOW.

FINE. TAKE ME TO HIM.

NOT DRESSED LIKE *THAT* I WON'T.

HERE.

"WE WANT YOU TO GRASP THIS...

"...THESE CLOTHES, THIS ARMOR, THAT MASK...

"...THIS IS YOUR WORLD NOW. PHIL URICH'S LIFE IS OVER.

"THIS *NEW* IDENTITY, THE ONE THAT WE ARE GIVING YOU...

"...THAT IS ALL YOU HAVE ANYMORE. AND WHAT WILL *YOU* OFFER IN RETURN?"

THE SPIDER. I WILL GIVE YOU THE SPIDER.

GOOD ANSWER, BOY.

NOW RISE. RISE OUT OF KINGSLEY'S SHADOW. AND *BASK* IN OURS.

THE HOBGOBLIN IS DEAD. RISE, MY

GOBLIN KNIGHT!

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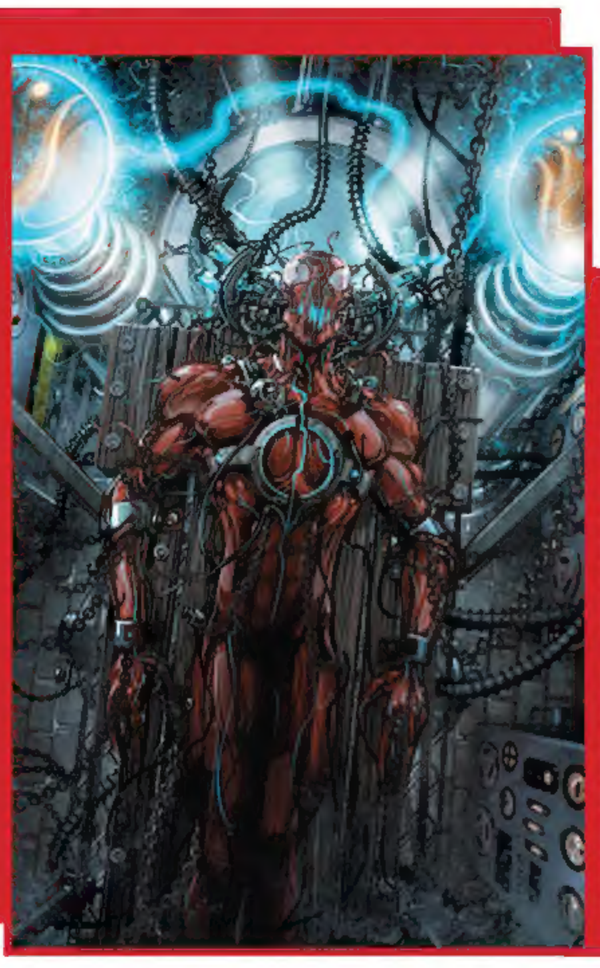

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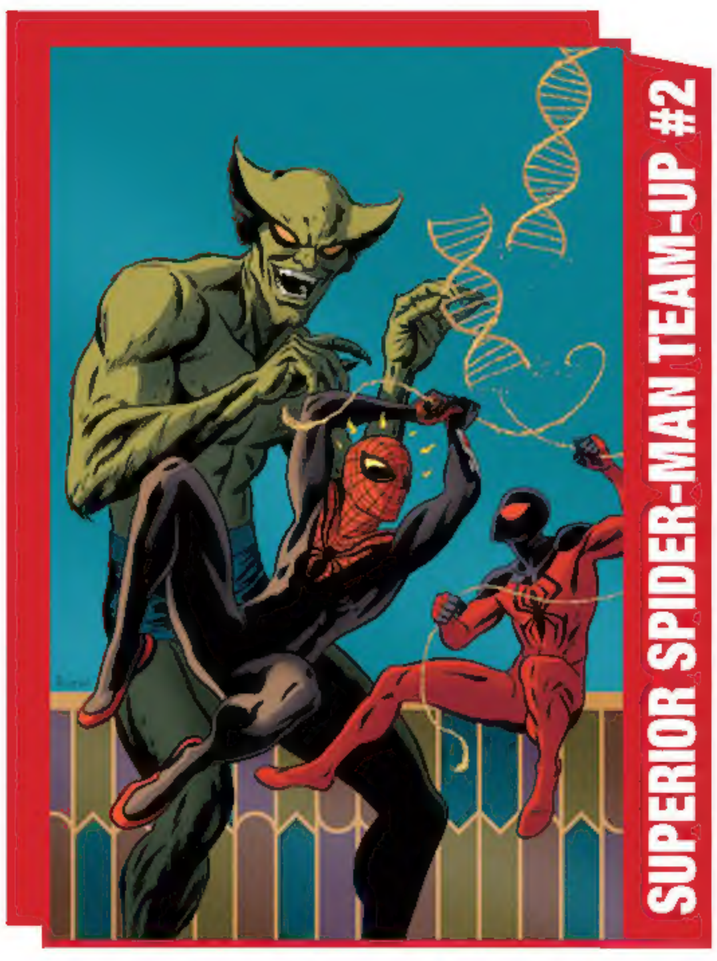

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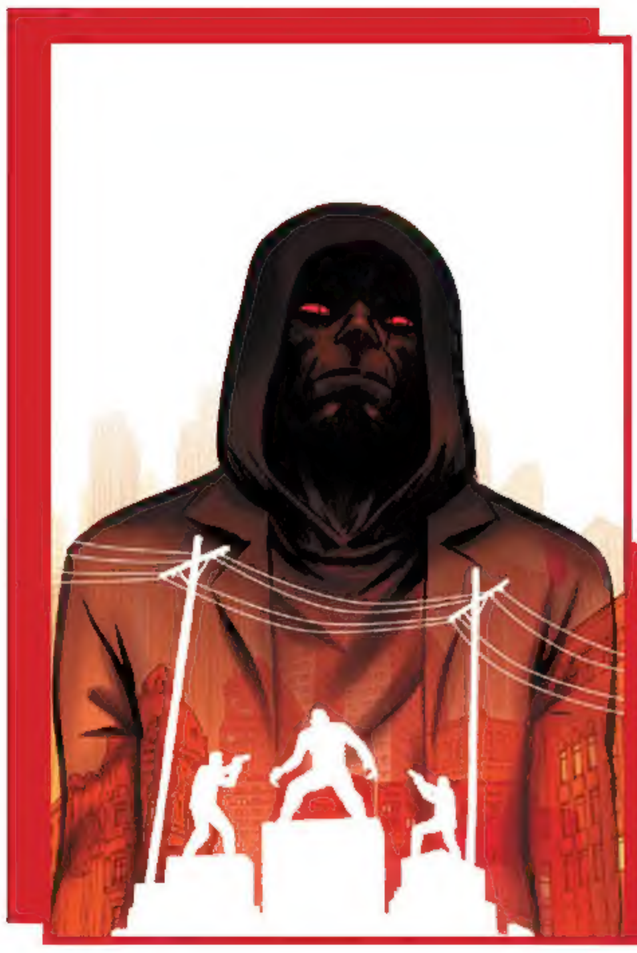

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